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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2848, 2848(SP).

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 2848, 2848(SP) Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative. DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT\_DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Larence,
Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue
NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke at Internal Revenue Service, room 6511, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative;
Poder Legal y Declaracion del Representante.

OMB Number: 1545-0150.

Form Number: 2848; 2848(SP)

Abstract: Form 2848 or Form 2848(SP) is issued to authorize someone to act for the taxpayer in tax matters. It grants all powers that the taxpayer has except signing a return and cashing refund checks. The information on the form is used to identify representatives and to ensure that confidential information is not divulged to unauthorized persons.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time, however, changes to the burden estimates previously approved will be submitted to properly reflect the current estimates.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

The burden estimate is as follows:

		Number of Responses	Time per <u>Response</u>	Total <u>Hours</u>
Form	2848 (paper)	358,333	1.66	594,833
Form	2848 (on line)	100,000	1.61	161,000
Form	2848 (SP)	80,000	2.26	<u>180,800</u>
		538,333		936,633

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of

information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and

provide information.

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